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For: Method to Measure Tension in a Moving Web
and to Control Properties of the Web



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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

The present Information Disclosure Statement is submitted for the Examiner's consideration in accordance with the Applicant's duty of disclosure.

Applicants are providing thirty-four U.S. Patents, two European Patents, and three published PCT Applications for the Examiner's consideration. Co-pending and commonly owned U.S. Patent Application "Apparatus to Measure Tension in A Moving Web and to Control Properties of the Web" that was filed on the same day as the present application is also being cited by the Applicants. Additionally, Applicants are providing six technical papers for the Examiners consideration.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at his convenience should he have any questions regarding this matter or require any additional

information.



March 22, 2002
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Respectfully submitted,
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